

## NEWS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE IN THE STATE

### RAYNOLDS, BANK PRESIDENT, HELD IN \$50,000 BAIL

Louis M. Reynolds, president of the State Bank of Holbrook, which recently failed, has been bound over to the superior court in the sum of \$50,000, on the alleged charge that he received deposits after he knew the bank to be insolvent. It is reported that he is still at liberty, though, it is said, bond has not been furnished. It is believed that the First National bank, of Albuquerque, will come to the assistance of the defunct Holbrook bank with enough money to permit paying depositors sixty per cent or more.

### TAX COMMISSIONERS HOLD BRIEF MEETING

A meeting of the state tax commission was held with newly elected county assessors of the various counties of the state at Phoenix, on Monday. The purpose was to discuss duties of the assessors' office and measures to make assessments on certain classes of property uniform throughout the state.

Assessors of the counties, elected or re-elected last November, follow: A. E. Thurber, Apache; George Henshaw, Cochise; William Beeson, Coconino; W. G. Duncan, Gila; J. M. Allred, Graham; R. J. Coleman, Greenlee; Harry Pierce, Maricopa; W. O. Ruggles, Mohave; W. E. Shumway, Navajo; V. S. Griffith, Pima; Thad Moore, Pinal; Victor S. Wager, Santa Cruz; C. E. Gentry, Yavapai and A. B. Ming, Yuma.

### EXTRACT OF ORANGE IS NOT SALABLE IN ARIZONA

As one of his last official acts, Wiley E. Jones, attorney general, rendered an opinion placing the ban on the sale of extract of sweet orange. This extract is said to contain a large percentage of alcohol, and regardless of the use to which it is put cannot be sold in Arizona.

### FILM COMPANY IS ORGAN- IZED BY GLOBE PEOPLE

The Apache Trail Film company, Inc., backed by local men and interests of Globe, was organized at a meeting held in the superior court room and attended by a large number of representative citizens of the city.

The company is organized and is composed of local men and citizens, the purpose of it being to produce western pictures in Gila county mainly along the old Apache Trail route. It is a well known fact that this immediate and contiguous territory is filled with romance unequalled in the United States and that the field near Globe is unlimited for producing pictures for an indefinite period of time.

### LYMAN DAM IN APACHE TO BE COMPLETED APRIL 1

The Lyman dam in Apache county will be completed by April 1, according to State Treasurer H. S. Ross. Day and night shifts are working and 75 per cent of the rock is in place. The dam is being built by funds loaned by the state at the rate of \$43 an acre on 15,000 acres. Treasurer Ross, who spent several days in St. Johns, county seat of Apache county, recently, said the people were anticipating greater prosperity after the opening of the Lyman project.

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### STRANGLED BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN ARIZONA TOWN

Police are searching for the husband of Mrs. Ignacio Gonzales, bride of six months, who was found dead at her home at Cooley, last Thursday. The husband has disappeared. He was last seen twenty-four hours before the discovery of the body.

Police at Albuquerque received a wire at Albuquerque from Sheriff Harp at Holbrook to be on watch for Ignacio Gonzales. The wire stated he was wanted in connection with the death of his wife. Gonzales is said to be about 35 years old. A gold tooth and a scar on the right hand are the marks of identification.

### STATE AUTO LICENSES TO BE ISSUED AFTER JAN. 1

Contrary to usual practices, no auto licenses will be issued until after the first of the year by the secretary of state's office. In order to accommodate those who wished to secure the same numbers as used in the previous year, it has been customary to issue license plates during the month of December.

This plan is impossible this year on account of a large number of new county assessors who are taking office. Before a license can be secured from the state it is necessary to procure a tax certificate from the assessors busy trying to clean up the work of their offices before turning them over, they have no time to be bothered with other details, and hence refusal on the part of many to issue the tax certificates until after the first of the year. For this reason it is impossible for the secretary of state to issue licenses in advance.

However, everything is being made ready to expedite the work of distributing the new numbers beginning Monday, January 3.

### CENTRALIZATION OF ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL FUND URGED

PHOENIX.—Centralization of the administration of school funds was advocated by Gov. Thomas E. Campbell in an address before the convention of the State Teachers' association which began a three days' session here last Tuesday.

Governor Campbell pointed out that the legislature and the state administration stood ready to co-operate for efficiency in schools, but pointed out what he said were a number of defects in the schools as they now were conducted. Statistics showed, he said, a drift of children from rural schools to town, indicating dissatisfaction with the country schools.

The governor, in pointing out the advantage of centralized administration of school funds, said there were too great discrepancies now between per capita cost of education in various localities. He said it cost \$409.32 to teach 12 pupils at Flagstaff and \$812.63 to instruct the same number at Metcalf.

### MARICOPA \$4,500,000 ROAD BOND CARRIED

Maricopa county, last week, by a majority of about 1,500, voted to bond the county for \$4,500,000 for the building of new roads.

War cost us \$24,000,000,000; peace cost \$1,000,000; the only difference being that the war was delivered.

### ARIZONA BANKS SHOW IN- CREASE OF 9 MILLIONS

Resources of Arizona national and state banks, as shown by the statement of condition prepared by all banks as of November 15, on call of the superintendent of state banks, totaled \$104,240,682.62, according to a condensed statement of banks' reports made public by Jesse L. Boyce, superintendent of state banks. The figures represented an increase of \$9,766,973.32 over total resources shown in the statement of November 17, 1919.

Total resources of state banks in today's statement were given at \$68,911,215.37 and those of national banks \$35,329,467.25. The gain for state banks over the 1919 statement was \$6,178,646.43, and for national banks, \$3,588,326.89.

Total loans and discounts of state banks were given as \$42,876,670.07. Those of national banks were \$21,273,104.19. Increase in state bank loans and discounts over November 17, last year, was \$10,489,808.44 and in national bank loans and discounts \$5,827,312.19.

### GOVERNOR TAKES OFFICE WITHOUT FORMAL CEREMONY

Governor Thos. E. Campbell began his new term of office at noon Monday without inaugural ceremonies. Newly elected officials for other state offices having filed their oaths of office with the secretary of state, also entered upon their duties. In the executive offices, which were decorated with roses and ferns, Governor Campbell held a public reception during the afternoon hours.

### MUST HAVE CROSSED STATE BY SOUTH ROUTE

When water won't cure thirst, but the juice in your mouth turns to slime, caking in lumps on your lips, when the skin dries up because there's no more sweat, when your eyes ache and your brain mills 'round—that's Arizona.

The air shakes in waves like a mist of cobwebs, and through that quiver the landscape goes all skewey, for some of the mountains float up clear of the land, and some turn upside down standing on rows of pillars along the skyline. Then the hollows of the land fill with blue mist—blue lakes and cactus bushes change into waving palm trees by the waterside.

How can a man keep his head when the world goes raving crazy all around him? You have just to keep on remembering that your eyes have quit being responsible, that your nose is a liar, that your ears are fooled, then keep a tight rein on yourself for fear your wits stampede, and your legs go chasing visions down the trail to death. "Chalkeye" in "Curly, a Tale of the Arizona Desert," by Roger Poock.

### TOOMEY HEADS "DRY" SLEUTHS IN THIS STATE

John A. Toomey, until recently located at El Paso as narcotic inspector, has been appointed federal prohibition agent in charge of the state of Arizona, with headquarters in Tucson.

The necessity of establishing an increased force in the state, because of its close proximity to the Mexican border land that must be watched in preventing the smuggling of liquor into the United States from Mexico, was deemed advisable, according to federal officers, in coping with the illicit whisky and narcotic traffic in Arizona.

From Tucson Agent Toomey will fight against the illicit handling of narcotics and liquor throughout the entire state.

### OATMAN POSTMASTER AND WIFE ARE POISONED

When Claude B. Head, assistant postmaster at Oatman, near Kingman, and his wife, failed to appear at a New Year's dance, friends went to their home and found the couple lying on the floor dead. Nearby was discovered two glasses, both of which had contained poison. A package in which the poison had been purchased also was found.

Head had left his office Friday noon, saying he would not return according to friends. Mrs. Head's body had carefully been laid out after death, while that of her husband was doubled up, indicating it was thought. Mrs. Head had died first. No written information was found to throw light on the cause of the tragedy. The young couple had been married only four months.

### STANLEY, STANDAGE, APPOINT- ED TO TAX COMMISSION POSTS

M. S. Stanley, assistant state auditor under Jesse Boyce, was named chief accountant to the state tax commission; Clarence Standage, clerk of the Maricopa county board of supervisors, was appointed secretary to the commission, and Alexander Baker and R. William Kramer will serve again as counsel to the tax body.

The appointments were made after a series of conferences between Commissioners E. A. Hughes, Frank Luke and Charles R. Howe, although it is understood the latter yielded to the new commissioners in the matter of office force in view of the fact that his is the short term.

Mr. Stanley was a former resident of Cochise county and served under Mr. Boyce during his two terms of office. He is regarded as an expert accountant.

Mr. Standage was clerk of the board of supervisors when Mr. Luke was supervisor.

### C. M. AND C. W. LA PRADE FOUND NOT GUILTY

The cattle stealing case against C. M. and C. W. LaPrade, which was tried sometime ago before the late Judge Mahoney and who bound them over to the superior court, but through some technicality the case was remanded to the justice court for another hearing, which hearing was held Thursday afternoon before Judge Sweeney, who found the defendants not guilty as charged and dismissed the case.—Winslow Mail.

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### VERDE "ROCK SALT" IS VALUABLE MINERAL

"Rock salt" that failed to agree with the cows of Verde valley may now make that valley the center of a new industry.

So says Dave Biles, who has just returned from his ranch near Camp Verde.

The "rock salt" which has turned out to be immeasurably worth-while instead of worthless, comes from a deposit discovered some time ago by Verde valley cattlemen.

The cattlemen, believing the mineral to be rock salt, began feeding it to their animals, and the place was henceforth known as the "salt mine." A government expert happened along that way analyzed the "rock salt" and warned the cattlemen that what they were feeding to their steers was highly injurious, being a very poor substitute for the real article. Since then Verde valley cattle have passed up that particular dish.

Now comes outside capitalists with the news that the "rock salt" spurned by the cattlemen is one of the rarest mineral deposits in the United States. It is used in certain processes of paper manufacture, and so far only one other similar deposit has been discovered in this country.

### NEW BOARD ACCEPTS MOEUR RESIGNATION

The first official act of the new state land board was to accept the resignation of W. A. Moeur, state land commissioner, and to formally announce the appointment of Rudolph Kuchler. In anticipation of Mr. Moeur's resignation the board some time ago made the unofficial appointment of Mr. Kuchler.



THOMAS MEIGHAN

At the Orpheum, Wednesday next, in "Conrad in Quest of His Youth," a Paramount-Artcraft super-production.

## BAUMERT, CLARK, NATHAN CHOSEN BY REP. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

At Monday's meeting, in Phoenix, of the republican state central committee, the following were elected: Andrew Baumert, Jr., of Phoenix, national committeeman for Arizona of the republican national committee.

Harry A. Clark, of Douglas, chairman of the republican state committee, to succeed former Chairman Albert Sames, of Douglas, resigned.

F. A. Nathan, of Tucson, secretary of the republican state committee, to succeed Andrew Baumert, Jr., resigned.

The meeting was called to order at 3 o'clock by Chairman Sames. He first read the resignation of Mr. Baumert as secretary of the state committee and Mr. McDonald, of Gila, was appointed acting chairman.

The following committees were appointed:

On credentials—Chas. F. Price, Maricopa; M. E. Titcomb, Santa Cruz; J. W. Lee, Coconino; P. J. Sullivan, Yuma; Harry A. Clark, Cochise.

Resolutions—A. H. Lyon, Pima; J. P. Boyle, Cochise; Jas. H. McClintock, Maricopa; A. H. Powers, Yavapai; Mr. Blakely, Mohave; F. S. Breen, Coconino.

Credentials committee reported 67 delegates present and 74 proxies.

The resolutions committee reported as follows:

"The republican state committee of Arizona assembled in special session at the outset of its considerations is weighed upon with a keen realization of the subtraction from the assets of the state of Arizona, the republican party and this body, which has been occasioned by the death of Allen B. Jaynes, the republican national committeeman for the state of Arizona.

"In signaling the sense of loss which has come to the state and party in this deplorable occurrence, the state committee commemorates the indefatigable zeal, the tireless loyalty, the unselfish co-operation, the courageous leadership and the great victory which was the climax of an unparalleled career in this state.

"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this body, a copy forwarded to the national committee of the party and that a copy, subscribed by the roll of this committee, be furnished to the family.

"As citizens of Arizona, as well as republicans, we summon attention to the splendid achievements of our governor, Hon. Thomas E. Campbell. We point to the wonderful display of patriotism in which voters of all parties united at the polls to mark their approval of the correction of abuses and the cutting away of avoidable expense in the government of the state under his direction.

A. H. LYON, Chairman.  
A. H. POWERS, Secretary.  
Presents Baumert's Name.  
The committee then proceeded to the

election of a national committeeman. The name of Mr. Baumert was presented by Captain George D. Christy. Governor Campbell seconded the nomination. The contest which had so happily ended, he said, was a good thing for the party. It had served the purpose of bringing together the largest representative number of republicans ever assembled in the state at a committee meeting.

The nominations were then closed and the acting secretary was directed to cast the votes of all the members, shown by the credentials committee report to be entitled to vote, for Mr. Baumert.

Chairman Sames then announced his resignation and retired from the chair, which was taken by Captain Christy.

Mr. Titcomb nominated Frank Barry, of Nogales, for chairman, who protested that the matter was one of so great importance that time should be given for its consideration. A committee of five was appointed to make the nominations. The committee was composed of A. H. Lyon, of Pima; F. J. Sullivan, of Yuma; F. S. Breen, of Coconino; M. E. Titcomb, of Santa Cruz, and Hugh Daggis, of Maricopa.

When the committee was named, a recess of 30 minutes was taken. The committee reported the names of Harry A. Clark, of Cochise, for chairman, and F. A. Nathan, of Tucson, for secretary. These nominations were confirmed and the committee adjourned.

The boom for Mr. Clark had been started in the forenoon by James S. Logie, of the Douglas Dispatch.

Mr. Clark, the new chairman, first became identified prominently with Arizona politics in the Roosevelt movement in 1912. He is the superintendent of the C. and A. smelter at Douglas. Mr. Nathan, the new secretary, was for a long time connected with the C. and A., but is now a business man of Tucson and was a member of the board of supervisors of Pima county.

### CRIME WAVE HITS BISBEE; BENSON P. O. IS ROBBED

The wave of crime reported in other cities in the country has reached Bisbee, burglaries, holdups and petty thievery becoming a nightly occurrence in the Warren district. Five burglaries or attempted burglaries were reported Sunday night, the thieves apparently believing that they could profit by Christmas to reap a harvest of valuables.

The postoffice at Benson, according to reports received at Bisbee was robbed Saturday night. It was reported that the thieves got little of value, but they tore open packages and letters and destroyed matter of value.

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